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Fwd: Old Library

1 message

Melissa Tyler <melissa@tummytoys.com>

Thu, May 14, 2015 at 3:02 PM

To: reay.pannesi@boston.gov

Reay,

This was sent to me directly and i wanted to forward it on to you.

Thank you and see you Tuesday.

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> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: John Casamassima <john.casamassima@gmail.com>
> Subject: Old Library
> Date: May 14, 2015 at 12:11:43 PM EDT
> To: Melissa Tyler <melissa@tummytoys.com>, Johns 154 Maverick Email <john@154maverick.com>

> Melissa, I wanted to sent a letter of support but was unsure who to send to. Can you forward along as you see fit? Thanks

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> Dear Department of Neighborhood Development,

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> I am in support of the proposal submitted by John and Melissa Tyler 154 Maverick, LLC. They have done an amazing job at a historic building on Maverick Street and I have full confidence that they will produce an equally amazing product on Meridian Street.

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> Most importantly, this proposed project keeps the whole building open to the public while providing many necessary needs to the community.

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> Thank you,

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> John Casamassima
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> East Boston, MA 02128

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> Please excuse any typos, this was sent from my iPhone

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5/14/15

to: City of Boston

regarding: East Boston Creativity Complex at the Former Boston Public Library 280-282 Meridian Street

I believe there is no such thing as coincidence any more and that there is a connectedness to us all. As a need appears in the community, others come to fulfill that need. Such is what happened this week as I learned of this development.

This letter is in support of the development of the East Boston Creativity Complex at the Former BPL mentioned above. I am a theatrical set designer. I have been designing and teaching at the Boston theatres and colleges. I have been working professionally for 21 years and have received 7 awards for outstanding set design.

2 weeks ago I had a conversation with the Production Managers of the New Rep Theatre and Actors' Shakespeare Festival, as well as the Artistic Directors of the Lyric Stage Company of Boston, Boston Children's Theatre, and the Central Square Theatre. The topic was space and sharing resources. There is a huge need for these small and midsize companies to have shop space to build scenery, share stock and personnel and have rehearsal space. How can we afford a space? Where can we find space? How can we keep employees for the whole season? How can we create a collaborative situation that can help the struggling theatres? Can we create a space that can also be rented out to artists to create? Where is affordable rehearsal space? Are there partners that can help such as universities?

As these theatres and managers were thinking about coming together to address this concern I received an email from Myriam Cyr regarding the idea of the East Boston Creativity Complex. This is exactly what the local theatre community needs! We can find the staff and the tools, but we can't find the space. We can put a technical director, a carpenter and a painter in a space that builds scenery for 3 smaller companies' seasons. That could potentially be 15 shows in a 9 month period, with the Children's Theatre renting the space for the summer studios theatre program for 80 kids, rehearsing and building scenery.

I can not fully express the need for this kind of space for this key part of the thriving Boston theatre community. If there is anything else I can do in support, please let me know.

sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Howland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janie Howland



Reay Pannesi <reay.pannesi@boston.gov>

Fwd: Creativity Complex at the former Boston Public Library

1 message

Melissa Tyler <melissa@tummytoys.com>

Fri, May 15, 2015 at 1:02 PM

To: reay.pannesi@boston.gov

Passing another one along

Thank you

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Carrie Van Horn <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Subject: Creativity Complex at the former Boston Public Library
Date: May 15, 2015 at 12:19:24 PM EDT
To: Tummy Toys <melissa@tummytoys.com>

Hi Melissa,
Please pass on my letter, below.
- Carrie

Dear Department of Neighborhood Development,
I cannot attend the community meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, but wanted to write in favor of John and Melissa Tyler's proposed Creativity Complex at the former Boston Public Library site on Meridian Street, East Boston.

I have been a resident of East Boston for over 8 years, and have watched the neighborhood change and grow - the most in the past 2 years. This community does not need more residential housing - it needs more spaces for the community to come together. As a member of the arts community (I work at the Harvard Art Museums) I will definitely use and be impacted by a Creativity Complex. I also have a 4-year old who will benefit from a space for community theater and the arts programming that a creativity center would offer.

As neighbors of John and Melissa, we have watched them grow and build up the Maverick Marketplace space. It is clear to me that they are civic minded, and want to have an inviting space where people can get to know their neighbors. I've attended yoga classes at their building (donation based), community open mike nights where the purpose is to meet your neighbors, and numerous other small shops within the building.

I hope you will look favorably at the proposal for a Creativity Complex in the former BPL building - it is a beautiful historic building located in the heart of East Boston. It would be a shame to lose it to private development.

Best,
Carrie Van Horn
(East Boston resident & a Mom)